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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
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 Ryota SUGIMOTO) Group Art Unit: 3764
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 Application No.: 09/870,672) Examiner: F. Mathew
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 Filed: June 1, 2001) Confirmation No.: 8651
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 For: IMPLANTABLE TUBULAR DEVICE)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 16, 2003, the response period being extended to April 16, 2004 by a petition for three month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, Applicant requests that the application identified above be amended in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page ten of this paper.

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Conclusion

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

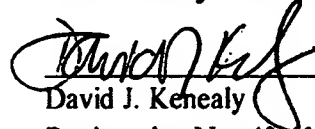
Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-2985. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2985.

Respectfully submitted,

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